

ADOPT A BENCH



MIAMIBEACH PARKS & RECREATION

ADOPT-A-BENCH PROGRAM

The City of Miami Beach established an Adopt-A-Bench Program in 2016, providing individuals the ability to commemorate or honor family, friends, or special events by adopting a new or an existing bench in a City park.

The following are the established procedures and requirements for the Adopt-A-Bench Program, which are subject to change by the City:

- In order to participate in the Program, the attached application must be completed and submitted to the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department. Donors may elect to adopt an existing park bench or propose the addition of a new bench within a City park. Participation in the Program requires an adoption fee, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for existing benches and \$4,000 to \$6,000 for new benches, to be paid in full by the donor within thirty (30) days of application approval. The adoption fee will cover the cost of new bench installation and maintenance, or the maintenance of an existing bench, whichever is applicable, and a commemorative certificate. Please note commemorative bench plaques are not an element of the program. Donors must acknowledge that the adopted bench is for the use of the general public at all times, during park hours. Proceeds from the Adopt-A-Bench Program will go toward off-setting subsidies offered to Parks and Recreation program participants who qualify for free or reduced-price recreation programs.
- The City of Miami Beach is a duly incorporated municipality in the State of Florida exempt from federal taxation as a tax-exempt public corporation. Donations to the City of Miami Beach through the Adopt-A-Bench Program are defined as charitable contributions and are deductible as provided by federal law. Donors are responsible for consulting with a tax professional.
- Parks and Recreation Department standards will be used in the selection of bench options. If a new bench is to be installed, it shall replicate other benches at that park. Donors may not design their own bench, or have an external vendor supply a bench/plaque. Not all City benches or park sites are eligible for participation in the program.
- Park location and bench sites are subject to approval and availability. Bench options (design, color, material, etc.) shall be strictly limited to those pre-determined by the Parks and Recreation Department, as described in the attached application. After ten years, the bench will be made available for re-adoption, provided that the Adopt-A-Bench Program is in existence. Prior to expiration of the ten-year period, the original donor may contact the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department to re-adopt the bench. If a donor does not re-adopt the bench by paying the re-adoption fee to the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the expiration of the ten-year period, the bench will be eligible for adoption by another individual.
- The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to alter, relocate, permanently move, or replace a bench due to capital construction, landscape redesign, or other extenuating circumstances. During the ten-year donation period, a comparable location will be provided by the City. In the event of damage to the bench and/or plaque as a result of a natural disaster or vandalism, the City is not obligated to repair or replace the bench and/or plaque. Donors are encouraged to keep all contact information up to date with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- The City reserves the right not to accept applications from entities whose business involves products and/or services which, at the City's sole discretion, are not considered appropriate in terms of affiliation with a public entity, particularly a parks and recreation system, and which would conflict with the City's brand or licensing agreements.

All inquiries regarding the Adopt-A-Bench Program should be referred to the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department at 305.673.7272, by email to adoptabench@miamibeachfl.gov, or in person at 1701 Meridian Avenue, Suite 401. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

SECTION 1 – PARK/BENCH LOCATION

Name of park: _____

Park address: _____

Indicate the bench that is desired to be adopted:

☐ Existing bench

☐ New bench at a proposed location

Specific location within park (attach photograph or map if possible): _____

SECTION 2 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of applicant: _____

Home address: _____

Mobile telephone number: _____

Alternate telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

SECTION 3 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By submitting this application, I acknowledge and agree that I will abide by all of the procedures and requirements of the Adopt-A-Bench Program. I further acknowledge that my contribution will be placed into the Adopt-A-Bench Program Fund, the purpose of which is to install and maintain park benches in the Adopt-A-Bench Program, and to finance City park beautification efforts, and that the City reserves the right to temporarily or permanently alter or relocate adopted benches. In addition, I acknowledge that donors may not design their own bench and plaque, and donors must select a bench and plaque from City-approved options. I further acknowledge that the bench I adopt pursuant to the Adopt-A-Bench Program is for the use of the general public, is subject to use only during park hours, and is subject to all other applicable City regulations. I also understand that it is my responsibility to update the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department with my current contact information. In addition, I acknowledge that the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any proposed plaque inscription containing language that is obscene, lewd, defamatory, infringes on the proprietary rights of any third party, or which is submitted by an entity whose business involves products or services that are considered inappropriate in terms of affiliation with a public entity, or which would conflict with the City of Miami Beach's brand or its licensing agreements.

Name of Individual Applicant: _____

Signature of Individual Applicant: _____

Date submitted: _____

SECTION 4 – COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE

Person(s)/special event to be commemorated: _____

Using the numbered spaces provided below, insert your desired message.

Note there is a limit of one character per box and a maximum of four rows with thirty characters per row.

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SECTION 5 – BENCH OPTIONS

If adopting a new or existing bench to be installed at a City-approved location within a park, bench options are limited to the following, based on their location:

TIER 1 | POCKET/MINI PARKS

EXISTING BENCH: \$1,000 | NEW BENCH: \$4,000



1. **Hibiscus Island Park** | 113 W Palm Midway
2. **Poinciana Park** | 6301 Alton Road
3. **Sunset Isle II Park** | 2600 Sunset Drive
4. **Sunset Lake Park (Sunset Island IV)** | 1400 W 21 Street
5. **Washington Park** | 225 Washington Avenue
6. **Washington Park Annex** | 210 2 Street

TIER 2 | NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

EXISTING BENCH: \$1,500 | NEW BENCH: \$4,500



1. **Allison Park** | 6475 Collins Avenue
2. **Altos del Mar Park** | 7601 Atlantic Way
3. **Beach View Park** | 5301 Collins Avenue
4. **Belle Isle Park** | 52 Venetian Cwy
5. **Brittany Bay Park** | 6444 Indian Creek Drive
6. **Crespi Park** | 7820 Crespi Boulevard
7. **Fairway Park** | 201 Fairway Drive
8. **Fisher Park** | 5085 Alton Road
9. **Indian Beach Park** | 4621 Collins Avenue
10. **La Gorce Park** | 6421 Alton Road
11. **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Park** | 231 Ocean Drive
12. **Maurice Gibb Memorial Park** | 1700 Purdy Avenue
13. **Muss Park** | 4300 Chase Avenue
14. **Normandy Shores Park** | 2608 Biarritz Drive
15. **Palm Island Park** | 159 Palm Avenue
16. **Parkview Island Park** | 7430 Wayne Avenue
17. **Parkview Park Annex** | 75 Dickens Avenue
18. **Pine Tree Park** | 4493 Pine Tree Drive
19. **Polo Park** | 4301 N Michigan Avenue
20. **Stillwater Park** | 8440 Hawthorne Avenue
21. **Tatum Park** | 8050 Byron Avenue

TIER 3 | SPECIAL, DISTRICT & REGIONAL PARKS

EXISTING BENCH: \$2,000 | NEW BENCH: \$6,000



1. **82nd Street Skate Park** | 8200 Collins Avenue
2. **Bandshell Park** | 7275 Collins Avenue
3. **Collins Park*** | 2111 Collins Avenue
4. **Flamingo Park*** | 999 11 Street
5. **Lummus Park*** | 599 Ocean Drive
6. **Miami Beach Golf Club** | 2301 Alton Road
7. **Normandy Isle Park and Pool** | 7030 Trouville Esplanade
8. **Normandy Shores Golf Club** | 2401 Biarritz Drive
9. **North Beach Oceanside Park** | 8500 Collins Avenue
10. **North Shore Park and Youth Center** | 501 72 Street
11. **Scott Rakow Youth Center** | 2700 Sheridan Avenue
12. **South Pointe Park*** | 1 Washington Avenue

**Park offers different bench options*

COLLINS PARK



FLAMINGO PARK



LUMMUS PARK



SOUTH POINTE PARK

